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SUBJECT: INQUIRY REGARDING VISA ELIGIBILITY OF REGULO

PEREZ AND MIGUEL OTERO SILVA AND WIFE

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PLEASE PASS TO: MR. MICHAEL YOHNN

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STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. INSTITUTE OF PUERTO RICAN CULTURE WILL INVITE REGULO PEREZ, A VENEZUELAN PAINTER OF LEFTIST POLITICAL LEANINGS, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BIENNIAL GRAPHIC ART EXHIBIT OF SAN JUAN. REGULO'S PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN A DEFENDER OF THE BIENNIAL FROM THE CHARGES THAT IT IS A "CIA EFFORT TO BUY THE CONSCIENCE OF LATIN AMERICAN ARTISTS." HIS PERSONAL DEFENSE OF THE BIENNIAL WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN IT BECOMING ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING EXHIBITS OF LATIN AMERICAN ART AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE BIENNIAL WILL BEGIN
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ON APRIL 9176, THE INSTITUTE'S DIRECTOR IS EAGER TO AVOID PROBLEMS

RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF VISA. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE
IN DETERMINING WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE SOME COMPLICATIONS.

2. THE INSTITUTE OF PUERTO RICAN CULTURE HAS INVITED MIGUEL OTERO
SILVA, EDITOR OF EL NACIONAL (VENEZUELAN) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
CEREMONY OF LITERARY AWARDS GRANTED BY SAID INSTITUTE. WOULD BE
ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE MARIA TERESA OF OTERO SILVA. WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER WE MAY EXPECT ANY
COMPLICATIONS REGARDING VISAS. THANK YOU.

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